# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Command Sergeant Major Richard L. Powers' dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

***Whereas***, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

***Whereas***, Command Sergeant Major Powers devoted more than 38 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a soldier and leader at the 196th Regiment, including service in Vietnam; and,

***Whereas***, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

***Whereas***, Command Sergeant Major Powers continues to give of himself; and,

***Whereas***, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Command Sergeant Major Richard L. Powers for more than 38 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State